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*Dear producers and other data users:*

*Information contained herein is the result of mail, phone and personal interview surveys conducted during the past few weeks. Special recognition and appreciation are extended to all producers and agribusinesses who provided data making these reports possible.*

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## Nebraska Cattle on Feed Down 4 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 2.11 million cattle on feed on November 1, down 4 percent from last year and 11 percent below November 1, 2000. Placements of cattle into feedlots during October totaled 520,000 head, down 12 percent from last year and 21 percent below 2000. Fed cattle marketings for the month of October totaled 360,000 head, up 9 percent from last year but 3 percent below 2000. Other disappearance during October totaled 10,000 head compared with 10,000 head during October 2001 and 10,000 head during October 2000.

## U.S. Cattle on Feed Down 9 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.7 million head on November 1, 2002. The inventory was 9 percent below both November 1, 2001 and November 1, 2000. Placements in feedlots during October totaled 2.39 million, 12 percent below 2001 and 16 percent below 2000. Marketings of fed cattle during October totaled 1.98 million, 4 percent above 2001 and 3 percent above 2000. Other disappearance totaled 84,000 during October, 24 percent above 2001 and 27 percent above 2000.

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2001-2002**

STATE	November 1 Number on Feed <sup>1</sup>			October Placements			October Marketings			October Other Disappearance <sup>2</sup>		
	2001	2002	<u>2002</u> 2001	2001	2002	<u>2002</u> 2001	2001	2002	<u>2002</u> 2001	2001	2002	<u>2002</u> 2001
	1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent		1,000 Head	Percent	
Arizona	301	290	96	35	28	80	31	25	81	1	1	100
California	470	490	104	60	60	100	50	58	116	5	7	140
Colorado	1,170	1,060	91	315	250	79	200	210	105	5	10	200
Idaho	330	295	89	79	77	97	58	61	105	1	1	100
Iowa	340	335	99	75	95	127	44	73	166	1	2	200
Kansas	2,670	2,300	86	560	455	81	415	410	99	15	25	167
Nebraska	2,200	2,110	96	590	520	88	330	360	109	10	10	100
New Mexico	108	116	107	26	21	81	14	16	114	1	2	200
Oklahoma	395	340	86	80	75	94	72	63	88	3	2	67
So. Dakota	171	170	99	61	57	93	25	36	144	1	1	100
Texas	3,080	2,730	89	680	600	88	570	570	100	20	20	100
Washington	258	185	72	54	49	91	38	33	87	2	1	50
Other States	370	320	86	87	101	116	49	64	131	3	2	67
United States	11,863	10,741	91	2,702	2,388	88	1,896	1,979	104	68	84	124

<sup>1</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

<sup>2</sup> Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, November 15, 2002.

## WHY IS THE CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE SO IMPORTANT?

### You and your local community will benefit.

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**The Census** of Agriculture is the most comprehensive source of data portraying our Nation's agriculture.

**It is** the only source of uniform data on agricultural production and operator characteristics for each county, state, and the United States.

**It is** a measurement of where farmers and ranchers stand, their production costs and cropping practices, their farm supply needs, and how trends are changing.

**The census** report form will be mailed to every farm/ranch operator in the state. Look for it in late December. Thanks in advance for your response.

### Commercial Livestock Slaughter

October 2002 number slaughtered and changes from last year and last month are shown below. October 2001 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays. October 2002 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

#### Livestock Slaughter: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, October 2002 with Comparisons

Item	Total <sup>1</sup>	Oct. 2002 Percent of	
		Oct. 2001	Sep. 2002
Nebraska	1,000		
Cattle, head	725.1	104	114
Hogs, head	639.2	99	108
Red Meat, mil. lbs.	712.1	105	114
United States			
Cattle, head	3,266.6	103	114
Calves, head	100.8	107	114
Hogs, head	9,402.9	101	111
Sheep & Lambs, head	300.2	104	109
Red Meat, mil, lbs.	4,381.8	103	113

<sup>1</sup>Excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, November 22, 2002.

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All the information you give is completely confidential by law.

For help completing your census form, call **1-888-4AG-STAT**.

### Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, United States, October 2002 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks	Oct. 2002 Percent of	
		Oct. 2001	Sep. 2002
1,000 Lbs.			
Total red meats	1,040,084	123	104
Beef	524,443	133	106
Pork	491,957	114	102
Poultry	1,493,215	131	99
Turkey	628,946	126	94
Chicken	855,386	135	102

Source: USDA NASS Cold Storage, November 20, 2002.

### Poultry: Layers and Eggs, Nebraska and United States, October 2002 with Comparisons

Item	2001	2002	2002/2001
	Millions		Percent
Number of Layers			
Nebraska	11.6	11.7	100
30 States	316.5	316.6	100
United States	337.1	338.0	100
Eggs Produced			
Nebraska	255	262	103
30 States	6,901	6,936	101
United States	7,347	7,410	101
Chickens Hatched, July			
United States			
Egg-type	35.8	32.0	89
Broiler	747.5	720.3	96

Source: USDA NASS Chicken and Eggs, November 22, 2002.

**Monthly Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs Per Litter, and Pig Crop,  
United States December-November 2001-2002 <sup>1 2</sup>**

Month	Sows Farrowing		Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Dec <sup>1</sup>	901	924	8.66	8.66	7,803	8,005
Jan	906	946	8.71	8.73	7,887	8,259
Feb	941	967	8.79	8.83	8,273	8,543
Mar	959	978	8.87	8.80	8,503	8,605
Apr	953	973	8.90	8.83	8,481	8,595
May	958	982	8.90	8.81	8,525	8,651
Jun	963	937	8.85	8.86	8,526	8,302
Jul	961	950	8.87	8.86	8,522	8,417
Aug	954	947	8.90	8.88	8,491	8,409
Sep	966	943	8.78	8.87	8,481	8,365
Oct	963	940	8.85	8.86	8,523	8,330
Nov	960		8.84		8,488	
Total	11,385		8.83		100,503	

<sup>1</sup>December preceding year. <sup>2</sup> Monthly values may not add to quarterly or annual totals due to rounding.

Source: USDA NASS Monthly Hogs and Pigs, November 27, 2002.

**Farm Labor: Number and Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers,  
Selected Regions and United States, October 7-13, 2001 & October 6-12, 2002 <sup>1</sup>**

Region <sup>2</sup>	Hired Workers		Wage Rates							
			All Hired Workers		Type of work					
	2001	2002			Field		Livestock		Field & Livestock	
			2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	<i>Thousands</i>								<i>Dollars Per Hour</i>	
Lake	74	64	9.21	9.73	9.14	9.28	8.59	9.11	8.97	9.21
Cornbelt I	57	42	9.53	8.90	8.84	8.49	9.29	8.89	8.91	8.54
Cornbelt II	41	25	8.78	8.81	8.06	8.69	9.26	8.30	8.52	8.59
Northern Plains	41	34	8.68	9.32	8.37	9.01	8.46	9.03	8.40	9.02
Southern Plains	68	58	8.01	7.57	7.16	7.05	7.97	7.32	7.52	7.18
Mountain I	27	30	7.72	8.13	6.99	7.84	7.70	7.95	7.31	7.89
Mountain II	21	16	8.08	8.79	7.65	8.31	8.09	8.79	7.78	8.50
United States	991	935	8.59	8.93	8.01	8.30	8.39	8.44	8.09	8.33

<sup>1</sup>Excludes agricultural service workers. <sup>2</sup> Regions consist of the following: Lake: Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin; Cornbelt I: Illinois, Indiana, Ohio; Cornbelt II: Iowa, Missouri; Northern Plains: Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota; Southern Plains: Oklahoma, Texas; Mountain I: Idaho, Montana, Wyoming; Mountain II: Colorado, Nevada, Utah.

Source: USDA NASS Farm Labor, November 15, 2002.

**Hired Workers: Annual Average Wage Rates,  
Selected States and United States, 2001 - 2002 <sup>1 2</sup>**

State	All Hired		Field		Field & Livestock	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
			<i>Dollars per hour</i>			
Colorado	8.22	8.57	7.57	7.90	7.61	8.07
Illinois	9.01	9.67	8.29	8.63	8.35	8.94
Indiana	9.80	9.19	8.66	8.92	8.81	8.76
Iowa	8.98	9.67	8.24	8.47	8.59	9.30
Kansas	8.87	9.63	8.05	8.85	8.18	8.64
Michigan	8.96	9.62	8.15	8.62	8.18	8.66
Minnesota	9.53	9.73	9.90	9.76	9.26	9.12
Missouri	8.19	8.68	7.78	8.35	8.01	8.33
Nebraska	8.51	8.62	7.80	8.05	8.17	8.34
North Dakota	9.27	9.22	9.17	9.28	9.07	9.16
South Dakota	8.21	8.66	8.16	8.11	7.81	8.22
Wyoming	7.20	7.55	6.57	7.05	6.57	6.96
United States <sup>3</sup>	8.45	8.80	7.78	8.11	7.86	8.17

<sup>1</sup> Excludes agricultural service workers. <sup>2</sup> Annual rates are averages of the wage rates for each survey week weighted by the number of hours worked during the week. The annual average is based on data collected for January, April, July, and October. <sup>3</sup> Excludes Alaska.

Source: USDA NASS Farm Labor, November 15, 2002.

## Prices Received By Farmers

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in November is 97, based on 1990-92=100, up 1 point (1.0 percent) from the October index. Higher prices for soybeans, eggs, cattle, and tomatoes more than offset lower prices for hogs, milk, lettuce, and corn. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affects the overall index. Increased marketings of cotton, milk, cattle, and

cottonseed offset decreased marketings of soybeans, peanuts, potatoes, and sunflowers.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is 4 points (4.3 percent) above November, 2001. Higher prices for corn, soybeans, wheat, and cattle more than offset lower prices for broilers, hogs, turkeys, and calves.

### Prices Received: By Commodity, Nebraska and United States, Preliminary November 2002 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Nebraska			United States				
		November 2001 <sup>1</sup>	October 2002 <sup>1</sup>	November 15, 2002	November 2001 <sup>1</sup>	October 2002 <sup>1</sup>	November 15, 2002	% of Parity	Parity Price <sup>2</sup>
Wheat	Bushels	\$ 2.75	\$ 4.58	\$ 4.25	\$ 2.87	\$ 4.37	\$ 4.23	44	\$ 9.68
Corn	Bushels	1.85	2.37	2.38	1.85	2.34	2.30	35	6.55
Oats	Bushels	1.76	2.32	2.10	1.79	1.85	1.87	47	3.99
Grain Sorghum	Cwt.	3.15	4.47	4.46	3.30	4.35	4.32	39	11.10
Soybeans	Bushels	4.09	5.16	5.35	4.16	5.19	5.43	38	14.30
Hay, All, Baled	Ton	74.00	91.00	89.00	95.90	94.50	93.60		
Alfalfa, Baled	Ton	75.00	91.00	89.00	104.00	101.00	101.00		
Other, Baled	Ton	65.00	90.00	86.00	74.90	73.40	75.40		
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	17.50	19.10	17.30	22.70	16.70	16.70	34	48.50
Hogs	Cwt.	37.00	34.40	30.40	35.00	30.60	27.40	27	103.00
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	37.20	34.70	30.60	35.40	31.30	27.70		
Sows	Cwt.	28.90	19.80	19.30	28.20	19.00	19.50		
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	67.80	66.20	69.90	64.00	64.70	66.50	42	160.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	68.80	67.20	71.10	67.80	68.50	70.90		
Cows	Cwt.	34.20	32.80	32.50	35.80	33.60	32.60		
Calves	Cwt.	101.00	92.90	93.30	96.70	91.90	90.40	43	212.00
Sheep	Cwt.	28.00	27.40		27.10	26.50			76.40
Lambs	Cwt.	45.40	76.20		52.80	79.90			180.00

<sup>1</sup> Entire month average except hay.

<sup>2</sup> Parity price based on data for November 2002.

Source: USDA NASS Agricultural Prices, November 27, 2002.

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